

Ormond Uniting Church



Looking towards Heaven by He Qi

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National Reconciliation Week

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THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE 聚集敬拜

Call to Worship

(For the National Reconciliation Week, words by Brooke Prentis)

Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus.
We come to you in the knowledge
our nation has not achieved Reconciliation
with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples,
We come to you in the spirit and hope of Reconciliation.

You are the Creator of this ancient and sacred land.
You are the Creator of all good things.
You are the Creator who calls us to repentance and reconciliation.

In this time of acknowledgement, remembering,
and Reconciliation,
May we join hands in friendship,
May we join minds in learning,
May we join hearts in loving,
Just as you love us.

Acknowledgement of the Country

1 Hymn 272 Come thou long expected Jesus

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION 忏悔祷告

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD 敬听圣言

1st Scripture Reading: Revelation 启示录 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 约翰福音 17:20-26

"I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

2 Hymn: 590 What a friend we have in Jesus

Sermon: They may be one

Offering

Announcements and concerns of the church

Prayer of the Intercession

Our prayers of the people today are adapted from Prayers for Reconciliation Week, by Father Bruce Boase, from the Anglican Church of Southern Queensland.

Let us pray:

God of all, God of grace, we give you thanks for this earth and this world in which we live. We give you thanks for the beauty of your continuing creation. Help us gracious God to be good stewards of your great gift. Help us to learn from the old ones how to live on and in the lands and seas of this earth, that we may continue to grow in sustainability, sharing this land's abundance for the good of all. Help all of those affected by rising seas and changing weather, especially those who are forced from their homes because of these things, to be able to find somewhere safe to live.

God of all our dreaming. Hear our prayer.

God of all nations, we pray for our nation Australia. We give you thanks for the diversity of its peoples and cultures. We pray especially that all who live here never lose the ancient connection to the original people of our land. Help us all Lord to hear and learn the stories of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestors so that we may be richer in our souls. As we gather together - people of the red dirt, rich soil, salt water, fresh water, mountains and plains - into one nation, may we learn and grow in this great coming together. Gather us all together Lord in your love.

God of all our dreaming. Hear our prayer.

God of the healing spirit, help us always to be listening for the cries of those in need. We pray for those who are the poor in body, mind and spirit: those who are sick, injured or living with disability and disease, those who suffer with mental illness, the homeless, the prisoners, all who are pushed to the margins of society. We give you thanks Lord for all who care for other people. May your healing spirit continue to move through them that all may be treated fairly with compassion and love and may be freed from the bonds of suffering.

God of all our dreaming. Hear our prayer.

God of all love, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, the great reconciler of humankind. Help us, Lord, through Him to live together in harmony as one people, coming together in the bonds of peace and love and putting aside the chains of prejudice and hatred. Just as we are all one in death Lord, help us to be one in life. Help us Lord to look to a future where the cultures of this ancient land are seen to be enriching to the soul of all Australians.

God of all our dreaming. Hear our prayer.

May the souls of all who have gone before us in the struggle of life find their peace in you Lord. May we, with them and all of those ancient ones, look to the hope of the resurrection to come. May we who receive the past learn from it and hand it on to the future just that little bit closer to true reconciliation.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 圣餐

Opening Prayer

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Communion

Prayer after communion

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE 差遣信徒

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

3 Hymn: 228 Crown him with many crowns (Verses 1-4)

Benediction

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